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TO ENERGY CONFERENCE

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FOLLOWING IS ITALIAN EMBASSY'S UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF

LETTER FROM PRIME MINISTER RUMOR TO PRESIDENT NIXON ACCEPT-  
ING INVITATION TO ATTEND FEBRUARY 11 ENERGY CONFERENCE,  
WHICH WAS DELIVERED TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN BY  
AMBASSADOR ORTONA JANUARY 24.

QTE MR. PRESIDENT, IN YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 9, 1974, YOU  
PROPOSED THAT A MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE  
PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIALIZED OIL CONSUMER NATIONS BE HELD IN  
WASHINGTON ON FEBRUARY 11, OR AT ANOTHER CONVENIENT DATE, AND  
YOU INVITED THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS  
MEETING.

QTE FIRST OF ALL, MR. PRESIDENT, ALLOW ME TO EXPRESS THE  
APPRECIATION ON THE PART OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR AN  
INITIATIVE WHOSE STRUCTURE RESTS UPON A BASIS OF WESTERN  
SOLIDARITY, AND THAT PROPOSES TO LAY THE FOUNDATIONS FOR AN  
EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN RESOLVING THE  
PROBLEM OF THE WORLD'S ENERGY NEEDS, ACCORDING TO PRINCIPLES  
THAT RESPOND TO THE INTERESTS AND EXPECTATIONS OF BOTH THE

CONSUMER AND PRODUCER COUNTRIES. YOU VERY APPROPRIATELY  
INDICATE AS A BASIC NEED THAT OF ASSURING CONSUMER  
COUNTRIES A REASONABLE SUPPLY AT EQUITABLE CONDITIONS.

QTE IN ACCEPTING THE INVITATION EXTENDED TO US, I WISH TO  
INFORM YOU THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE REPRESENTED  
AT THE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS BY THE HONORABLE  
ALDO MORO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

QTE WHILE AWAITING WITH INTEREST THE ARRIVAL OF YOUR  
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, CHARGED WITH A MORE DETAILED  
ILLUSTRATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE MEETING'S FRAMEWORK  
AND CONTENTS, I WISH, AS OF NOW, TO SUBMIT SOME CONSIDERA-  
TIONS REFLECTING THE ITALIAN POINT OF VIEW ON THE SUBJECT.

QTE THE THEMES THAT THE CONFERENCE IS CALLED TO DEBATE  
EXTEND BEYOND THE PROBLEM OF OIL. I DO AGREE WITH YOU IN  
FACT ON THE OPPORTUNITY TO FACE THE PROBLEM OF THE DEVEL-  
OPMENT OF NEW SOURCES TO COPE WITH THE CONSTANT GROWTH OF  
GLOBAL DEMAND FOR ENERGY, THROUGH A COLLECTIVE AND  
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COORDINATED EFFORT. SUCH A TASK CAN BE FULFILLED CON-  
STRUCTIVELY ONLY THROUGH A MULTILATERAL ENGAGEMENT THAT  
COULD BE ABLE TO MOBILIZE THE CAPACITY AND THE CONTRIBU-  
TION OF ALL THE INTERESTED COUNTRIES.

QTE ON THIS BASE, I BELIEVE IT REALISTIC TO OFFER TODAY TO  
THE PRODUCE COUNTRIES THE OPPORTUNITY OF A HISTORICAL  
EXCHANGE; ACTUAL ENERGY AGAINST FUTURE ENERGY, IN A VASTER

AND MORE VIGOROUS PERSPECTIVE OF COOPERATION THAT EMBRACES ALL THE VARIOUS FACTORS OF THE PROCESS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

QTE SUCH A BASIC STRUCTURE WOULD BE ABLE, MOREOVER, TO AVOID THE IMPRESSIONS THAT THE CONFERENCE ITSELF MIGHT RESULT IN THE BUILDING OF A BLOC OF OIL CONSUMER COUNTRIES DETERMINED TO CONFRONT ANTAGONISTICALLY THE PRODUCER COUNTRIES. ON THE CONTRARY, IN OUR INTENTIONS THE CONFERENCE SHOULD CONSTITUTE THE FIRST STEP TO SET GOING IN A VERY NEAR FUTURE A WIDER DIALOGUE, OPEN AS WELL TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN VIEW OF THE GRAVE REPERCUSSIONS THAT THE PRESENT ENERGY CRISIS THREATENS TO HAVE ON THEIR ECONOMY.

QTE I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO OBSERVE THAT, IN THE OPINION OF THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT, THE WASHINGTON MEETING WOULD NOT ELIMINATE THE CAUSES THAT LED TO THE INITIATIVE TAKEN IN THE RECENT EUROPEAN SUMMIT AT COPENHAGEN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DIALOGUE BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE OIL PRODUCER

COUNTRIES OF THE AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN AREA, WITH WHICH EUROPE ITSELF AND ESPECIALLY ITALY HAVE HAD FOR A VERY LONG TIME HISTORIC, POLITICAL, AND ECONOMIC LINKS OF A SPECIAL INTENSITY.

QTE THESE, AS WELL AS OTHER ASPECTS OF THE ENERGY PROBLEM WOULD BE USEFULLY EXAMINED IN DEPTH WITH THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE THAT YOU PROPOSE TO SEND TO THE CAPITALS OF THE INTERESTED COUNTRIES BEFORE THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

QTE I DO HOPE THAT THE CONFERENCE, WITH THE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION OF ALL PARTICIPANT GOVERNMENTS, SHALL BE ABLE TO

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ATTAIN ITS IMPORTANT AIMS AND BENEFIT ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

QTE I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. MARIANO RUMOR.

UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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